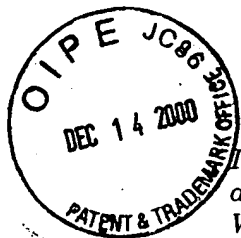


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Enclosed is an amendment to the above-identified application.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
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Total Claims Fee	40	* 40	0	x \$9.00	x \$18.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims	15	** 15	0	x \$40.00	x \$80.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims ***				\$135.00	\$270.00	
TOTAL FILING FEE						\$0.00
NO ADDITIONAL FEE REQUIRED ****	IF NO FEE REQUIRED, INSERT "0"					
LIST INDEPENDENT CLAIMS: 1, 9, 11, 12, 15, 19, 23, 25, 27, 32, 36, 37, 41, 42 and 44						
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*** PAY THIS FEE ONLY WHEN MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS ARE ADDED FOR THE FIRST TIME						
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- ☐ Attached is our check for \$ to pay the fees calculated above.
☐ A Petition for Extension of Time and the required fee are enclosed.
☒ Other enclosures: Transmittal of Drawings
 Formal Drawings (7 Sheets)

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by or to give effect to this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. **A copy of this letter is enclosed.**

Respectfully submitted,

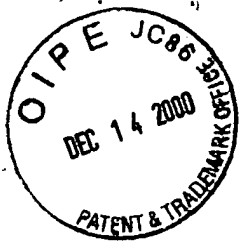
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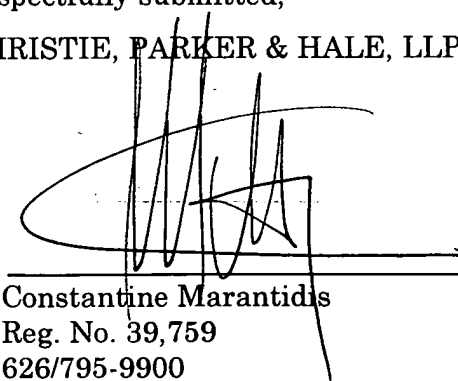
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Commissioner:

Enclosed are seven sheets of drawings for this application. They are submitted as formal drawings to replace the corresponding drawings as originally filed.

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